ARDROSSAN CASTLE

List 6 [Description is a direct quote from C&DA). Ref: C&DA, iii, 301-302. B.

C&DA, iii, 301-302 Only a few fragments remain of this once powerful fortress of the Montgomeries. The lands were acquired by that family through marriage in 1396. The ruins stand on a knoll overlooking the town and railway station. The castle is said to have been destroyed by Cromwell and there now only remain a portion of the tower, a vaulted kitchen and two cellars. The former retains a few corbels of the parapet and the jambs of a fire-place, a loop-hole, &c. These and other details indicate a date probably in the 15th Century. Various alterations have evidently been made at subsequent times - windows being built up and shot-holes and gargoyles introduced into them, &c.

Davis Pont says that "this castell is verry strongly and veill bulte having in it maney roumes and a spring of frech vatter wich makes it the more strong. In this castell ther is a touer named ye read touer and in it a vaulte called Vallace larder".

Smith South-west of the castle there is a shell-mound.

PARK

AA, Th 30.10.1806, 1d Contractors wanted to build a wall round the Park, to be 7' high, 2'3" tapeing to 18" thick, with a dressed ashlar cope. Dets: Auld.

KIRKHALL

AA, Th 9.8.1838, 4e Robert Weir of Kirkhall died 31.7.1838 in 81st year.

SEAFIELD 86 Eglinton Road

List 20 First house of 1820, substantially rebuilt 1858 by Thomas Gildard. Tower at rear added in 1881. Scottish Baronial. 2 storeys, 5 bays to south front. Painted stugged ashlar, central bay with crowstepped gable, 2 flanking bays with decorative wallhead gables. Advanced western bay with crowstepped gable and 2-storey 5-light canted bay. Eastern bay in shallow projection with corbelled turret in re-entrant angle; crowstepped gable. 4 storey entrance turret with roll-moulded dressings to door, string courses, narrow windows, boldly carved arms, crests and devices; nailhead decoration in frieze; cornice, conical roof with banded patterns in the slate; tall weather vane.

West elevation: 3 assymetrical bays, the northern advnaced and corbelled above ground storey; crowstepped. Tall French mansard tower with iron balcony. Skate roof. Stair hall of 1858. First house built for Mr Bartlemore; Gildard built for Mr Borron. Tower added for Archibald Douglas. Ref: Architects Engineers and Building Trades Directory, 1868. B.

Groome A mansion in Ardrossan parish. Built in 1820 and greatly enlarged and improved in 1858. It is a chateau-like edifice in a pleasing combination of the Scottish Baronial, Jacobean and Italian styles, and is now used as a hydropathic establishment.

Davis, 1991, 368 dates rear tower to 1881.

CO 3/21/22 VRs 1855-1860 Prop 1855 to c.1858 John Bartlemore of Seafield, writer, Paisley, with William Geddes Borron, merchant, Glasgow as occupier. From 1858/59 W G Borron is proprietor.

CO 3/21/37 1883-84 Assessment Roll
Archibald Douglas Bryce Douglas of Seafield.

CO 3/21/38 1888-89 Assessment Roll
Archibald Douglas Bryce Douglas of Seafield.

ACC, EC 12.2.1952, 1-2		Fire here yesterday - 6 boys killed.
	GATEPIERS, &c	
List 20b		Solid drum gatepiers with bellcast caps and ball finials. Good iron gates. Smaller peirs of drum and rectangular plan, low coped wall provides footing for railings with pointed finials. B.
	STABLES	
List 20a		U-plan range of stables. Painted stugged ashlar. 2 central gables with Jacobean decoration. All gable ends crowstepped. 2 square timber louvred and finialled roof vents; slate roof. B.
	SCHOOL BUILDINGS	
ACC Planning, 1764		June 1939. Huts, &c., Seafield, for Glasgow Corporation.
ACC Planning, 3037		May 1945. Alterations, S, for Glasgow Corporation Education Department.
ACC Planning, A3292		February 1951. Internal alterations, for Glasgow Corporation. Temporary consent until November 1956.

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